

Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on June 14, 2017

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER- The President of Council, Acting Mayor, Joe Canter, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm at the Village Hall.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- Observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL- Taken by Fiscal Officer: Mayor Robert Matthey - absent; Joe Canter-present; Larry Pierce- present; Teresa Cline-Scurlock-absent; Tammy Hawk-present; John Canter - present. There was a motion to excuse Teresa Cline-Scurlock as she had to work by Joe Canter and 2nd by Larry Pierce. AIF.

APPROVAL OF BILLS- Village bills were reviewed by Council members. It was moved for approval by Larry Pierce and 2nd by Tammy Hawk, AIF passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The May 16, 2017 meeting minutes were approved on Motion by Tammy Hawk and 2nd by Larry Pierce, AIF passed. The June 6, 2017, meeting minutes were approved with an amendment to add the calculation for the 2013-6 Ordinance if it had been affected for each of the past years.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER- The Financial Report was reviewed by Council. There was a Motion to approve the Financial Reports by John Canter and 2nd by Tammy Hawk, AIF passed. The Fiscal Officer, Leslie Nicholson notified Council that the paperwork regarding the 2015 taxes has been submitted and we are waiting to hear from the IRS. The issue of the Form 940 not being filed in the past is currently being worked on. The Fiscal Officer notified Council that the resignation of Council member Ashley Campbell was received.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

Ordinance 2017-4 – An Ordinance establishing Sewer rates and Administration by the Authority granted in Chapter 729 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This was the 3rd reading of this ordinance and the floor was opened to Council for comment.

Solicitor Shostak advised that last year's gross revenues for the sewer were approximately \$173,000; he states that the 10% increase in sewer rates should generate approximately \$17,000 in additional revenue. The floor was then opened for public comment. There was no further comments regarding this matter.

Larry Pierce made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-4, and Tammy Hawk 2nd that motion. There was a voice vote with AIF.

NEW BUSINESS- None

RESIDENTS COMMENTS-

Bobby Bumpass from Mill St. asked that Council consider putting a noise ordinance in place. He advises that there are large dogs barking near his house keeping him awake at night.

Solicitor Shostak advised that the Village of Chauncey does not currently have a noise ordinance in place. Shostak advised that the City of Athens Noise Ordinance does include barking dogs; however the Village of Chauncey has no police force so the Sherriff's Department would be the ones to enforce it.

Mr. Bumpass advised that he had contacted the previous Sherriff's Department Administration regarding the ongoing issues but there was no action.

Solicitor Shostak advised that he would look further into the possibility of a noise ordinance and how the noise level could be measured.

Nathan Simons from Hocking Athens Perry County Community Action Program wanted to make available Fair Housing information and brochures for the Citizens of Chauncey. Nathan reviewed the information in the brochures with Council and asked to leave some brochures for the Citizens. Nathan also reminded Council that there is the Community Improvement Challenge going on and Trimble, Jacksonville, Coolville, and The Plains have all put together a team for the Challenge.

Eddie Smith from SOPEC advised Council that the Mercantile Pool was placed out for bid with Champion Energy getting the bid as the Supplier. Mr. Smith also reminds Council of the Community Improvement Challenge and that he believes that the prize is up to \$5,000.00. He advises that he would like to help with the Community Improvement Challenge.

Mr. Smith advises that he has been awarded \$50,000 for a public information campaign for the electric aggregation. Mr. Smith would like to use the Village Hall as a meeting place for the start of the public information campaign on June 28, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. John Canter made a motion to allow Mr. Smith to use the Village Hall on June 28, 2017; it was 2nd by Tammy Hawk. There was a voice vote with AIF.

Peter Koches from the Athens Bike Club has met with the County Planner and is working with them on the surrounding bike trails. There will be a trailhead at the Chauncey Village Park. They have applied for a grant to bring a spur of the bike path into the Chauncey Park, and technical grant monies that will allow for hiring a grant writer and so on.

Solicitor Shostak advised that the Council had completed a letter of support for Mr. Koches.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-

The Village Administrator advised the following:

- He received a letter asking for tire replacement because of a pot hole
 - o He advised the insurance company and they are most likely not going to replace the tire.
- There have been 2 leaks on Mill Street that have been fixed.
- The electric upgrade at the Sewer Plant is a go but we do not have a start date yet.
- There is a customer who uses bill pay to pay her bill and according to the customer the payment for her bill is being sent out on the 4th of the month and yet she is being charged a late fee because the Water Department is not receiving it until the 12th. Solicitor advised that she needs to prove that the payment was sent out on the 4th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Solicitor Shostak advised that everything is Copasetic.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Absent

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-

Tammy Hawk- Tammy noted that she would sit on the Community Improvement Challenge team as the Elected Official with RJ Shostak sitting as the professional. Tammy see what she can do to organize the rest of the team for the challenge.

Teresa Cline-Scurlock- Absent

Larry Pierce- Larry Kent wants to know if there is a fence ordinance in the Village. Solicitor Shostak advised that there is not a fence ordinance. Larry also asked if the Village could use the monies in Permissive Tax fund for paving. Chris advised that he thought we could but he would check to make sure.

Larry asked if the open Council Seat had been advertised yet. Leslie Nicholson advised that it had not been advertised. Larry asked if the add could be placed in the Public Notice section so that it may be cheaper for the Village to advertise it. Leslie advised that she would check with the Athens Messenger and the Athens News to see if that would be feasible.

Joe Canter- States that he is tired of the smell of sewer in his backyard. The smell is horrible. The owner of the property John Bickley is aware there is a problem. It looks as if the sewer line from the house is connected to a septic tank but the septic has failed and is now running into the storm tunnel. Joe and Chris advise that dye has been but into the drains at the house and the dye is in the storm tunnel in a matter of minutes.

Chris Russell advised that he has spoken to Mr. Bickley regarding the problem and Mr. Bickley asked for the Village to do the work connecting the sewer line from the house and then he would just pay the Village on payments. Solicitor Shostak advised that was not possible and that Mr. Bickley needs to pay for a sewer tap since he has never been hooked up to the Village Sewer. Solicitor Shostak also advised Chris to call the Athens County Health Department regarding the issue.

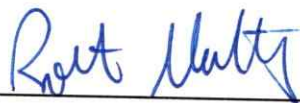
The next meeting time was discussed and decided on July 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

John Canter- None at this time

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None Needed

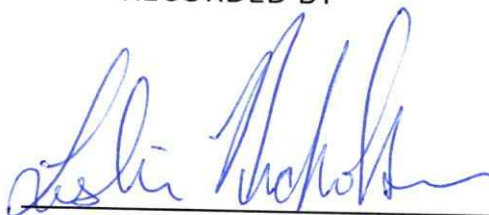
ADJOURNMENT- Tammy Hawk moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by, Larry Pierce. AIF passed.

APPROVED BY



Mayor Robert Matthey Date

RECORDED BY



Leslie Nicholson, Fiscal Officer Date